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RE: Dial Tone & More

Enclosed please find an application for modification of tariff filing procedures. Please add the enclosed to the recently filed application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide interexchange telecommunications in the state of South Carolina.

Should there be any questions or additional information required, please do not hesitate to contact me at (405) 755-8177.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

In Re:
Application of Dial Tone & More, Inc.
for Modification of Tariff
Filing Procedures

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**APPLICATION OF DIAL TONE & MORE, INC.
FOR MODIFICATION OF TARIFF FILING PROCEDURES**

COMES NOW Dial Tone & More, Inc. pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., Sec. 58-9-585, and files its Application for modification of tariff filing procedures. In support of its Application, Dial Tone & More, Inc. respectfully shows as follows:

1.

Dial Tone & More, Inc. has filed for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate interLATA service and to originate and terminate toll traffic within the same LATA through the resale of intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS), or any other services authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission. Dial Tone & More, Inc. is not currently providing interexchange services to the citizens of South Carolina.

2.

In its "Order Addressing Request for Alternative Regulation" in Docket No. 95-66 1 - C, this Commission granted in part the Petition of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. ("AT&T") for alternative regulation. Specifically, the Commission granted AT&T's request to modify the Commission's tariff filing procedures so as to remove the maximum rate (cap) requirements on business services offered under AT&T's Private Line Service Tariff, Customer Network Service tariff, and all Consumer Card and Operator Service offerings. Such action by the Commission was dependent upon AT&T filing tariffs which reflected average toll rates within South Carolina.

3.

Subsequent to the Commission's approval of AT&T's request for alternative regulation, the Commission granted similar petitions filed by Cable & Wireless, Inc. ("C & W") (Docket No. 96-047-C), and MCI Telecommunications Corporation ("MCI") (Docket No. 96-278-C).

4.

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On August 11, 1997, the Supreme Court of South Carolina issued an Order rejecting an appeal by the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina of the Commission's order in the above referenced proceeding involving AT&T (489 S.E. 2d 467). In its Order, the Supreme Court affirmed the determination of the Commission to remove price caps for certain of AT&T's business services.

5.

Consistent with the relief requested by AT&T, C & W, and MCI, Dial Tone & More, Inc. also respectfully requests that the Commission order that Dial Tone & More, Inc.'s tariff shall not be required to state maximum rates (caps), and further, that such rates shall be presumed valid upon filing, with the understanding that the Commission has the right within seven (7) days to establish an investigation of the tariff filing.

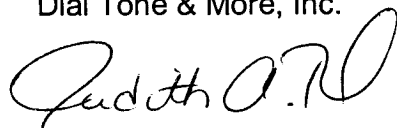
6.

The relief requested by Dial Tone & More, Inc. is consistent with S.C. Code *Ann.* Sec. 58-9-585(A), because substantial and broad-based competition exists for the provision of interexchange services in South Carolina, i.e., the services for which Dial Tone & More, Inc. requests alternative regulation are "competitive in the relevant geographic market". Currently there are in excess of 987 entities certificated to provide interexchange services in South Carolina. Accordingly, Dial Tone & More, Inc. submits that there is ample evidence of vigorous interexchange competition in South Carolina.

WHEREFORE, Dial Tone & More, Inc. requests that the Commission grant its application, and order that Dial Tone & More, Inc.'s tariff shall not be required to state maximum rates (caps), and further, that such rates shall be presumed valid upon filing.

Respectfully submitted this 16 day of May, 2005.

Dial Tone & More, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judith A. Riley", written in a cursive style.

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